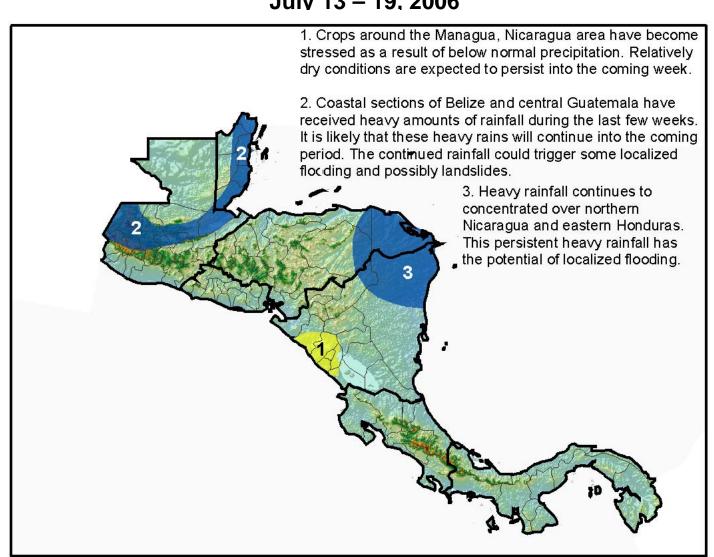


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Hazards Assessment Text Explanation:

- 1) In western Nicaragua, near Managua relatively dry conditions have settled in the area. Less than 100 mm of precipitation reached the area during June, and similar conditions have continued into July. The dry conditions may begin to impact the emerging crops in the region. Scattered showers are expected during the coming period, but they will not be widespread enough to reverse the recent dry trend.
- 2) A tropical wave will likely bring continued heavy rain to coastal Belize and central Guatemala during the coming week. This could cause additional localized flooding and landslides in the area. These effects are expected to be very localized. This tropical disturbance will also impact area #3. The tropical wave will likely move through the area late in the period.
- 3) With excessive rainfall having already saturated the soil, and additional heavy rainfall likely during the coming week, localized flooding is possible in northern Nicaragua and eastern Honduras. The heavy rain will be the result of a tropical wave moving into the area late in the period. This is the same disturbance that will impact area #2.

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